



# Indian Health Careers in the Albuquerque Area

*Opportunity. Adventure. Purpose.*

IHS health professionals in the Albuquerque Area have extensive opportunities for professional and personal enrichment, such as enjoying sunsets sweeping over hollowed canyons and sloping mesas glistening with dew.



## Tribes of New Mexico, Colorado and Texas

- Acoma Pueblo
- Alamo Band of Navajo
- Cochiti Pueblo
- Isleta Pueblo
- Jemez Pueblo
- Jicarilla Apache Nation
- Laguna Pueblo
- Mescalero Apache
- Nambe Pueblo
- Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo
- Picuris Pueblo
- Pojoaque Pueblo
- Ramah Band of Navajo
- Sandia Pueblo
- San Felipe Pueblo
- San Ildefonso Pueblo
- Santa Ana Pueblo
- Santa Clara Pueblo
- Santo Domingo Pueblo
- Southern Ute
- Taos Pueblo
- Tesuque Pueblo
- To'Hajiilee Band of Navajo
- Ute Mountain Ute
- Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
- Zia Pueblo
- Zuni Pueblo

## Providing Care in New Mexico, Colorado and Texas

Headquartered in Albuquerque, NM, the Indian Health Service (IHS) Albuquerque Area serves more than 84,000 American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Tribes of the Albuquerque Area include 20 Pueblos, two Apache Tribes, three bands of the Navajo Nation and two Ute Tribes. Each Tribe is culturally distinct with its own sovereign government, relationships and cultural identity. Respecting the sovereignty of each Tribe is of critical importance in providing health and prevention services in the Albuquerque Area.

The Albuquerque Area delivers care through four hospitals, 11 health centers and 12 field clinics that are administratively divided into 10 Service Units. Two urban health centers also deliver care to patients in Albuquerque and Denver. The New Sunrise Regional Treatment Center provides residential treatment services for Native youth with substance abuse problems. And the Albuquerque Indian Dental Clinic provides dental services for children, teens and young adults. Tribal members who live, work or go to school in the urban centers of the Area also have access to IHS-operated health facilities.

As you search for the right opportunity, we will help you investigate an Indian health career option before you make this major life decision. If professional fulfillment, quality of life and providing service to a highly appreciative community are important to your career plans, then consider joining the dedicated public health professionals in the federal, Tribal and Urban Indian health programs of the Albuquerque Area IHS. We offer opportunities to work in an integrated health care system on a multidisciplinary team that puts our patients first while earning a competitive salary and exceptional benefits. Best of all, you will be working with patients who are greatly appreciative of your services.

## A World of Opportunities

IHS health professionals who relocate to the Area find serving the American Indian patient population to be a rewarding long-term career option for themselves and a culturally enriching experience for their families. IHS offers competitive salaries, a full range of benefits and, in some cases, recruitment incentives. Some locations also offer government housing.

### Health Profession Openings by Discipline

- Behavioral Health Providers
- Dental Hygienists
- Dentists
- Dietitians
- Laboratory Technicians
- Medical Technologists
- Nurse Practitioners
- Nurses
- Optometrists
- Pharmacists
- Physical Therapists
- Physician Assistants
- Physicians
- Podiatrists
- Radiology Technologists

*IHS offers a wide range of health profession opportunities in the Albuquerque Area. Enjoy a unique work/life balance that provides rich rewards and ample time for family and recreational activities.*



## IHS Career Options

IHS offers clinicians a choice of three options to practice their specific health profession discipline: working as a federal civil service employee, as an Officer in the Commissioned Corps of the US Public Health Service (USPHS) or directly for a Tribal or Urban Indian Program. Each of these career options offers career flexibility, competitive salaries and benefits and ample opportunity for advancement.

### Federal Civil Service

Professionals who choose to work in the federal civil service earn competitive salaries and are eligible for comprehensive federal and retirement benefits. They also enjoy significant career flexibility, eligibility for advancement and can transfer throughout IHS facilities while still maintaining their benefits.

### US Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps

One of the seven uniformed services of the United States, the Commissioned Corps offers an opportunity to serve our nation in uniform as a health professional in certain disciplines. The Commissioned Corps is comprised of highly qualified public health professionals protecting, promoting and advancing the health and safety of the nation. Approximately 2,000 Commissioned Corps officers currently serve within IHS. Commissioned Corps officers are eligible for military retirement benefits.

### Tribal or Urban Indian Programs

Individuals interested in working within Tribal or Urban Indian Programs negotiate compensation and benefits directly with the program or Tribe with whom they seek to work. Openings are available in both urban and rural areas.

*Our Mission: to raise the physical, mental, social and spiritual health of  
American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level.*

## Did you know that you can pay off your health profession loans through our Loan Repayment Programs?

The IHS Loan Repayment Program (LRP) offers health professionals practicing at IHS facilities an opportunity to pay off all of their eligible health education student loans in addition to receiving competitive salaries and benefits. Participants are eligible to receive up to \$20,000 per year and can extend their contract annually until all of their loans are paid off. Pursue the opportunity to build your career with IHS and work as part of an interdisciplinary team of health professionals, while gaining the financial freedom to live and work within some of the most picturesque settings in the country.

Additionally, the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program (LRP) offers primary care providers up to \$50,000 for a two-year service commitment to work at an approved NHSC site in a high-need, underserved area. Like IHS, NHSC LRP recipients can obtain additional loan repayment by extending their service.



# Albuquerque Area

## Facility Locations and Major Cities

Name	City/State	Type
Albuquerque Indian Dental Clinic	Albuquerque, NM	Dental Clinic
Laguna Dental Clinic	Laguna Pueblo, NM	Dental Clinic
Jicarilla Apache Health Care Facility	Dulce, NM	Health Center
Albuquerque Indian Health Center	Albuquerque, NM	Health Clinic
San Felipe Health Clinic	San Felipe Pueblo, NM	Health Clinic
Santa Ana Health Clinic	Santa Ana Pueblo, NM	Health Clinic
Santa Clara Health Clinic	Santa Clara Pueblo, NM	Health Clinic
Taos/Picuris Health Center	Taos Pueblo, NM	Health Clinic
Ute Mountain Ute Health Center	Towaoc, CO	Health Clinic
Zia Health Clinic	Zia Pueblo, NM	Health Clinic
Acoma/Canoncito/Laguna (ACL) Indian Hospital	Acoma, NM	Hospital
Mescalero Indian Hospital	Mescalero, NM	Hospital
Santa Fe Indian Hospital	Santa Fe, NM	Hospital
Zuni Comprehensive Community Health Care	Zuni Pueblo, NM	Hospital
Alamo Navajo Health Center	Alamo, NM	Tribal Health Clinic
Canoncito (To'Hajiilee) Health Center	To'Hajiilee, NM	Tribal Health Clinic
Cochiti Health Clinic	Cochiti Pueblo, NM	Tribal Health Clinic
Isleta Health Center	Isleta Pueblo, NM	Tribal Health Clinic
Jemez Health Center	Jemez Pueblo, NM	Tribal Health Clinic
Ramah Navajo Health Center	Pine Hill, NM	Tribal Health Clinic
Sandia Health Center	Sandia Pueblo, NM	Tribal Health Clinic
Santo Domingo Health Center (Kewa Pueblo Health Corp. [KPHC])	Santo Domingo Pueblo, NM	Tribal Health Clinic
Southern Colorado Ute Health Center	Ignacio, CO	Tribal Health Clinic
Ysleta Del Sur Community Health Center	El Paso, TX	Tribal Health Clinic
Denver Indian Health and Family Services	Denver, CO	Urban Health Clinic
First Nations Community HealthSource	Albuquerque, NM	Urban Health Clinic
New Sunrise Regional Treatment Center	Acoma, NM	Youth Treatment Center

Learn more about health profession opportunities in the Albuquerque Area, visit [www.ihs.gov/Albuquerque](http://www.ihs.gov/Albuquerque).

## Discover a Work/Life Balance

Living and working in the Albuquerque Area entails providing care while enjoying abundant recreation activities against a backdrop of soaring mesas and the sweeping beauty of the high desert. While many health facilities are located in rural areas, vibrant cities such as Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Taos are only a weekend trip away.

Truly a four-season location, the Albuquerque Area offers an array of national parks and open city spaces. Outdoor activities include hiking, horseback riding, skiing, fly-fishing, whitewater rafting, sightseeing, ballooning and more. Both Albuquerque and Santa Fe boast world-renowned arts scenes. Santa Fe alone has nearly 300 art galleries and dealers and is ranked as the country's third-largest art market featuring culture, history and traditions of the region and the world.

Community-oriented and an ideal place to raise a family, the Area offers plenty of educational options, as well as accessibility to local amenities and businesses, family-friendly activities and places of worship. The Gathering of Nations, Pueblo Feast Days and the Santa Fe Indian Market attract visitors from all over the country each year.

What's most unique to the Area is an ethnic blend of cultures, including diverse architectural influences evidenced by the Native Pueblo communities throughout the Southwest. The rich history of the Area can best be explored through the New Mexico Museum of Natural History, Albuquerque Biological Park, Bio Park Botanic Garden, Petroglyph's National Monument, Old Town and the Rio Grande Zoo.

Additionally, members of the USPHS Commissioned Corps have full access to services on the Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque. College students can choose from a number of nearby schools, including the University of New Mexico, Central New Mexico Community College and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute.

*Living in the Albuquerque Area means adventuring throughout desert mesas, mountains and canyons that have inspired artists for centuries.*





**Contact a recruiter to learn more about Indian health opportunities in the Albuquerque Area**

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